

CELEBRATED OLYMPIC  
VICTORS' HOMECOMINGAthletic Heroes Given Grand Ova-  
tion in New York and Thou-  
sands Paid Them Homage

## PRESENTED WITH GOLD MEDALS

Grand Street Pageant Received by  
Municipal and State Officials—Act-  
ing Mayor McGowan Delivered  
Speech Praising Winners for Their  
Creditable Showing in England.(By Associated Press).  
NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Encircled  
by cheering thousands and occupying  
the position of honor in a parade  
of 15,000 men and boys, fifty of Amer-  
ica's Olympic heroes—sturdy young  
athletes who so splendidly repre-  
sented America at the Olympic games  
in London, winning the greatest num-  
ber of points in a contest open to  
all countries of the world—were given  
the greatest ovation ever given to  
a body of athletes in this or any  
other country today.All New York turned hero-worship-  
per and every inch of the sidewalk  
from Forty-sixth street and Fifth  
avenue, where the parade started to  
the city hall, where it ended, was  
crowded with admiring spectators.The line of marchers stretched out  
into an almost endless chain and as  
the giant procession wended its way  
down town, with bands playing and  
colors flying, the thousands, who  
viewed the parade could not con-  
tain themselves. They were driven  
wild with enthusiasm.It took more than an hour for the  
parade to pass in review before the  
grand stand at City Hall Park.Acting Mayor McGowan delivered  
a special speech, saying he could  
not say enough in praise of the Olym-  
pic heroes, and then he presented  
each one of them with a handsome  
gold medal and three of the athletes  
—John J. Hayes, Marathon winner;  
J. C. Carpenter, of Cornell, and W.  
C. Robbins, of Yale, who were first  
and second in the 400 metre race  
which was eventually awarded to  
Lieutenant Hallswelle, the English  
runner, because of an alleged foul-  
got the loving cups. Then the mayor  
extended the freedom of the city  
to the athletes.Following the parade and public re-  
ception a number of the athletes  
went to Celtic Park to attend the  
firemen's "memorial" meet, held to  
raise a fund to build a monument to  
the memory of Fire Chief Kuger and  
men of the fire department who lost  
their lives discharging their duty.There, Forest Smithson, holder of  
the Olympic 10 metre hurdle record  
was entered in the 100 metre race  
and won his heat in fine style, getting  
home from scratch and equalling the  
world's record.J. A. Biller and Platt Adams, of  
the Olympic team, competed in the  
standing high jump. Melvin W.  
Sheppard gave an exhibition 1,000  
yards run in which Joe Bromlow, Jr.,  
and J. V. Anthum were also entered.  
Sheppard won easily in the fast time  
of 24 and 25 seconds.Ralph Rose, in his first try with  
the 12 pound shot broke the world's  
record with a put of 57 feet and  
5.25 inches. The presence of the  
Olympic athletes made the meet a  
big success.HORSE KILLS ITSELF BUT  
BOY RIDER IS SAVEDEugene Brown is Removed from Un-  
derneath Animal and Recovers  
Consciousness.CROZET, VA., Aug. 29.—Eugene  
Brown, sixteen years old, while rid-  
ing a spirited saddle horse, met with  
an accident which nearly cost him  
his life several days ago.The horse, which was a valuable  
animal belonging to his uncle, E. M.  
Brown, of Brown's Cove, suddenly  
reared up and fell backwards, killing  
himself instantly.Brown was gotten from under the  
horse in an unconscious condition,  
but recovered later.The boy is widely known as hav-  
ing the distinction of being the  
youngest to ever graduate from Mil-  
ler School, where he graduated with  
honors last spring, receiving a schol-  
arship to the University of Virginia.

Steamer Went Down.

AUGUSTA, GA., Aug. 29.—The riv-  
er steamer Two States, making the  
usual trip, struck a hidden ob-  
struction in the river and sank. There  
was no loss of life. The vessel be-  
longed to the Planters' Line and is  
a total loss. She was valued at  
\$18,000.JOHN R. KEEN'S FILLY  
WON FUTURITY EVENTClassic Race Was Worth \$25,100 to  
the Winner—No Betting Al-  
lowed.NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—With both  
the law and the management of the  
Coney Island Jockey Club frowning  
sternly on betting as the racing pub-  
lic knowing it only too well, there  
was in comparison with former years,  
only a corporal guard in attendance  
this afternoon at the twenty-first run-  
ning of the futurity race at Sheep-  
head Bay to James R. Keen's  
brown filly Mikette easily capture  
the classic event, value of which  
was \$25,100.The spectators numbered about 12,  
000, while the record for attendance  
on this fixture is close to 50,000, and  
it has been an ordinary thing for  
40,000 persons to witness the great  
contest of former years which marks  
the opening of the fall racing season  
at the track. Everybody agreed that  
the character of the attendance was  
very high. The weather was glorious.  
There was absolutely no bet-  
ting. It is said some attempt was  
made to lay some wagers on the  
first race, but it was not mysteri-  
ously, the quins was put upon it.  
The Jockey Club has posted notices  
about the grounds warning against  
betting, and at every word of it  
was meant as a thoroughly demon-  
strated as the race meeting pro-  
gressed.REPUBLICANS LOOKING FOR  
CONGRESSMAN IN EIGHTEighth District Members of the Party  
Seek Candidate to Oppose  
Arlin.ALEXANDRIA, VA., Aug. 29.—Re-  
publicans of the Eighth Virginia con-  
gressional district will meet in con-  
vention in Alexandria Monday after-  
noon to nominate a candidate for rep-  
resentation.Park Agnew recently stated that he  
was out of polls and would decline  
to make the race if he were nomi-  
nated by acclamation. While Joseph  
L. Crupper probably could have the  
nomination for asking, it is known  
he is steadfast in his determination  
to refuse the honor.J. A. Egghoff of Culpeper, and  
Frank T. Evans of Alexandria, have  
been suggested as possible candidates.  
The Eighth district is so safely De-  
mocratic that it is no chance for the  
Republican mine.Shipment of our Last Week.  
During the week ending yesterday  
a total of 5,323 barrels of flour was  
shipped foreign in this port. There  
were no shipments of wheat last week.

## MR. BRYAN ITINERARY

Will Speak in Principal Cities  
of the East.

## TO WAGE CAMPAIGN IN OHIO

Democratic Nominee Held Lengthy  
Conference With Secretary Morris-  
son of the American Federation of  
Labor.

(By Associated Press).

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—National  
Chairman Mack announced today the  
itinerary of William Bryan through  
the middle West to Atlantic sea-  
board.The dates are as follows: Peoria,  
Ills., September 1; Evansville, Ind.,  
September 10; Virginia, Sep-  
tember 11; Cuyahoga, Ohio, Sep-  
tember 12; Wash., D. C., Sep-  
tember 12; Sunday, Baltimore, Sep-  
tember 14; Wilton, Del., Sep-  
tember 15; Rochester, N. Y., Sep-  
tember 16; New York, September 17;  
Providence, R. I., September 19;  
New York City, Sunday, Sep-  
tember 20; Buffalo, N. Y., Sep-  
tember 21; Michigan, September 22;  
September 23 and 24; Indiana, Sep-  
tember 25; Madison, Wis., Sep-  
tember 26; St. Paul, Minn., Sep-  
tember 28 and September 29.  
He will remain a week at his  
home in Lincoln.The itinerary of Mr. Bryan  
will include Washington  
and New York on Sundays, both  
of which days he rests.Where Mr. Bryan will speak in  
West Virginia October 11 and  
in Michigan on October 22, has  
not been determined.The dates in Ohio announced  
in Chicago about a week ago but  
have undergone change since  
then. It is under the Ohio  
speeches will be made in  
Cleveland and Cincinnati.  
Morrison, of the American Fed-  
eration of Labor, he extended talk  
with the national chairman today on  
details concerning plan of the  
coming labor campaign for Mr. Bryan.FLOOD SUFFERERS  
ARE BEING RELIEVEDCommunication Being Restored Be-  
tween the Stricken City of Au-  
gusta and Other Points

## MILLIONS LOST IN THE CAROLINAS

Crop Damage Great in All Parts of  
the Flooded District—Water Slowly  
Receding from Cities—Seventy  
People Drowned, Most All of Them  
Negroes—Relief Corps at Work.

(By Associated Press).

ATLANTA, GA., Aug. 29.—With  
wire communication practically re-  
stored throughout the flooded sec-  
tions of Georgia, North and South  
Carolina late reports are coming to  
the Associated Press showing im-  
proved conditions everywhere with  
the single exception of the Congaree  
river, south of Columbia, S. C. Fifty  
miles south of Columbia, the water  
from the Congaree river had backed  
into Kingsville, S. C., a junction point  
on the Southern Railway.Early tonight Kingsville was sub-  
merged to a depth of nine feet. No  
loss of life was reported. The  
property loss is small but the river  
is reported still rising at this point.  
The loss of life remains at sev-  
enty persons, with eighteen known  
dead within the Augusta city limits.Million Lost in Carolinas.  
Practically a million dollars has  
been lost in North and South Car-  
olina by highwater. The loss of life  
is comparatively small in these  
states. Most of the dead are ne-  
groes. Negro cabins flanking the  
river banks and setting in the low-  
lands were washed away like so much  
driftwood.The water rose so rapidly that  
many of the occupants of these cab-  
ins never had a chance to even es-  
cape from the rooms in which they  
slept. This afternoon a relief train  
of several cars left this city for Au-  
gusta. The suffering was reported  
intense among the poorer classes,  
whose homes were swept away.Reports from Augusta and the  
cities and towns with which com-  
munication by wire is direct, show  
no increase in property loss, and it  
is believed will not exceed two and  
a half million dollars, including de-  
stroyed railroad tracks and bridges.Damage to Crops.  
Damage to crops and to land from  
the heavy rains which washed gullies  
through them will undoubtedly be  
enormous, but there is no possible  
way to get information upon which  
to base an estimate. Added to this  
is the loss of cattle and stock on  
the farms along overflowed streams.Rumors that another storm is ap-  
proaching central Georgia and parts  
of North and South Carolina proved  
untrue tonight. All these sections  
recorded normal weather conditions  
tonight. Columbus, Ga., issued a  
proclamation for a mass meeting of cit-  
izens tomorrow for the purpose of  
aiding the flood sufferers in Augusta.A number of other cities have  
taken similar steps. All danger  
seems to have been passed in the  
Carolinas and in Georgia, except at  
Kingsville, S. C., where water ap-  
parently is rising rapidly tonight.Augusta Recovering.  
AUGUSTA, GA., Aug. 29.—Augusta  
is fast rallying from the flood. First  
attention is being paid to relief  
work. The relief and advisory com-  
mittee organized today are at work  
tonight. Mayor W. M. Dunbar gave  
relief in urgent cases. The relief  
fund now amounts to about \$20,000,  
but this amount is inadequate. The  
city gave \$5,000 today.Additional news of unexpected  
damage continues to develop, but  
former figures on the probable loss  
have not been materially changed by  
today's developments. No further  
loss of life has been reported to the  
coroner.The Georgia Iron Works foundry  
burned at 10 o'clock. There were  
no fatalities. The loss was \$5,000.Entire Family Perish.  
SPARTANBURG, S. C., Aug. 29.—  
All danger to the forty or more big  
cotton mills along the river is passed.  
Several mills have been forced to shut  
down on account of dams and races  
being washed away. There has been  
no loss of life in this section.At Pelzer, S. C., an entire family  
wagon and team of mules perished  
in the Saluda river. Two negroes,  
while at work on a railroad trestle in  
Laurens county, were carried down  
stream. It is supposed that thirty  
or more people have been drowned  
throughout the state during the past  
week. The farmers have lost thou-  
sands of dollars by their stock perish-  
ing in the swollen streams. The da-  
mage to county bridges in this county  
will exceed \$100,000.The Piedmont section of the state  
is still cut off from Augusta, Colum-  
bia and Charleston, and twenty miles ofthe track of the Southern Railroad  
in the Broad river valley is under  
water and in many places the track  
has been washed away. It will prob-  
ably be three weeks before all rail-  
road schedules are adjusted.The city is crowded with delayed  
passengers who are trying to get back  
to their homes in various sections of  
the state and South, after having  
spent the summer in the mountains.Water Shortage at Columbia Feared.  
COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 29.—There  
is yet some danger of water shortage.  
The power house is closed for repairs  
but two special pumps have been in-  
stalled to pump water from the river  
into the city. The canal banks are  
broken in fifteen places.Chief Engineer Shedd, of the Sea-  
board Air Line states he expects opera-  
tions to be resumed by the middle of  
next week.Nine trestles have been destroyed  
between Ellenton, Ga., and Columbia,  
S. C. While the waters are receding  
at Columbia, they are rising at points  
below here. At Kingsville, a junc-  
tion point on the Southern Railway, the  
station was abandoned yesterday and  
today the town is under nine feet of  
water. No deaths resulted but sev-  
eral houses were destroyed.Traffic on the Southern between this  
city and Charleston, has been suspend-  
ed for ten days on account of the de-  
struction of several thousand feet of  
track near Kingville.Connection with Spartanburg and  
with Greenville is still cut off.Heavy Loss at Greenville.  
GREENVILLE, S. C., Aug. 29.—In  
this immediate vicinity, floods are be-  
coming normal. The losses in this  
county will amount to \$75,000 on  
bridges, trestles and roadways. The  
first train over the Charleston and West-  
ern Carolina Railroad left here to-  
day. Anderson county was a heavy  
loser and things are in bad shape  
there. There is a probability of food  
becoming scarce before the railroads  
resume the operation of trains.Water Receding at Fayetteville.  
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 29.—  
After reaching the unprecedented  
height of 71 feet the flood waters of  
the Cape Fear river began to recede  
today with a fall of about six inches  
an hour. By tomorrow the city is  
expected to be free from water. It  
is estimated that families were driven  
out of one hundred houses, while at  
least two hundred other houses were  
destroyed by water.Hundreds of people are suffering  
and a citizen's meeting yesterday took  
steps to relieve them. A thousand  
dollars already has been subscribed  
and the board of aldermen has opened  
the city's purse to an extent for  
the benefit of the sufferers. The  
Elk lodge voted one hundred dollars to  
the relief fund. Boats are now ply-  
ing up and down the principal streets  
of the city. In the heart of town  
houses can only be reached by boat.  
At several prominent crossings, fer-  
ry boats are plying regularly for miles  
on the east side of the river. The  
land resembles a vast lake as far as  
the eye can see. Railroad traffic is  
almost paralyzed, only the Bennetts-  
ville and Sanford trains being able to  
reach here. The electric light plant  
is under water, and the city is in dark-  
ness at night.AMERICAN SAILORS ARE  
HAVING GREAT EXPERIENCEEntertained by People of Melbourne  
in a Lavish Manner—Big  
Celebration On.(By Associated Press).  
MELBOURNE, Aug. 29.—The prin-  
cipal function of the evening in the  
visit of the American fleet was a  
state dinner to the senior officers of  
the fleet at government house. For-  
tly covers were laid and the guests  
included the British and American  
admirals, the senior officers and the  
Federal and state ministers.The governor of Victoria proposed  
the health of King Edward and  
President Roosevelt jointly after  
which the English and American an-  
them were played by the band.The government gave a state ban-  
quet at Parliament House in honor  
of the American journalists in Aus-  
tralia, at which 200 of the Royal  
newspaper men were guests.Tonight there was a preliminary  
lighting up of the public buildings  
primarily to see that everything is in  
working order. The picture was  
most striking and the big illumina-  
tion scheduled for Monday promises  
to be most beautiful.The streets of Melbourne were  
packed with people all out to take  
part in the welcome to the Ameri-  
cans until a late hour tonight. Ad-  
miral Sperry and his staff landed at  
the St. Kilda pier this afternoon. The  
Americans were escorted to carriages  
and driven for miles through the sub-  
urbs into Melbourne proper, where  
after passing through cheering  
crowds, they called formally upon  
the governor of Victoria, Gibson Car-  
michael, who in behalf of the state,  
cordially welcomed the American of-  
ficers. The governor later returned  
the visit.Admiral Fithian.  
(By Associated Press).  
BRISTOL, N. J., Aug. 29.—Rear  
Admiral Edwin Fithian, retired  
chief engineer of the United States  
navy, died today at his home here.  
He was 88 years old.AEROPLANE IS HARD  
TARGET FOR BIG GUNSOrville Wright Says a Considerable  
Part Could be Shot Away With-  
out Bringing It Down.

## HE EXPLAINS THE REASON WHY

Inventor Confident of Surprising All  
Other Tests at Official Trial Soon  
to be Made—Army Officers Will  
Make a Study of Airship's Manue-  
vers.

(By Associated Press).

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—It  
became known today that army of-  
ficers, while witnessing the initial tests  
of Orville Wright's aeroplane at Fort  
Myer next week, will make a special  
study of the effectiveness of the aero-  
plane for military purposes as com-  
pared with the dirigible balloon. In  
view of the anticipated expenditures  
of \$1,000,000 or more for aeromaniacs  
by the next Congress, the signal corps  
is anxious to ascertain whether the  
dirigible or the aeroplane should re-  
ceive first attention.Tests of Baldwin's dirigible have  
afforded excellent opportunity for the  
army experts to study this type of  
flying aerial craft, and the coming  
demonstrations of the Wright aero-  
plane will give good opportunity for  
comparison. Both types of airship  
have their advocates. Some army of-  
ficers say that the dirigible could be  
more easily damaged by a shot in the  
air than an aeroplane.Mr. Wright's statement that a good  
part of his machine might be shot  
away and the aeroplane still be able  
to navigate is especially interesting to  
army experts, who, while recognizing  
that it would be difficult to hit,  
have assumed that, owing to its deli-  
cate nature, it could be placed hard  
to combat by a single shot.Why Damage Would Not Be Fatal.  
The tips of the two planes of the  
Wright machine are pulled from their  
normal straight line by the use of the  
lever to a curve which is a helixoid.  
Altering the shape of the tips of two  
planes on one side of the aeroplane in  
this way adds to the "lift" on that side  
and swings that side higher in the air  
and allows it to obey its rudder by go-  
ing around the curve of its course  
without sliding sideways, as it would  
do if it attempted to turn a corner  
on an even keel. But this helixoid  
curve does more than merely makes  
steering with the stern or perpendicular  
rudder possible. It is by altering the  
shape of the tips of the planes that  
the balance is preserved in the air,  
and it is due to this feature of the  
machine that a part of it might be  
shot away without totally disabling it.For the "tips," as Mr. Wright  
terms the ends of the aeroplanes, are  
not, as the world would indicate, the  
extreme ends of the planes, but ex-  
tend down fully a third of the whole  
plane on each side. Thus, two-thirds  
of each aeroplane, both upper and  
lower, are technically "tips," which is  
to say that two-thirds of both planes  
are controlled by the levers. It would  
be a clever shot which would carry  
away two-thirds of both planes.The rear or perpendicular rudder is  
operated by a lever which is grasped  
simultaneously with the tip-controlling  
lever, but these two levers can be  
set in any relation to each other and  
still be operated together or apart.  
Should one end of one tip be shot  
away, for instance, it would be neces-  
sary for the remaining tip to assume  
a greater helixoid curve when used  
either for steering or balancing, and in  
such a case the direction of the two  
levers might be altered.In any case only a shot which de-  
molished the propellers, or a very  
large area of the planes themselves,  
or the operator, would bring the whole  
to the ground.All Balloons Hard to Hit.  
As has been pointed out, it is ex-  
tremely difficult to hit either an aero-  
plane or a balloon in the air with  
either a rifle or any sort of field piece  
because there is no way of telling  
whether the shot is high or low, long  
or short. Moreover, anything pro-  
gressing at the rate of forty miles  
an hour is a hard target. If a banter  
of birds on the wing had to use a rifle  
and one bullet, army officers say,  
would bring down a pretty poor bag  
and for the same reason gunning for  
aeroplanes, particularly if they were  
flying high and fast, will be a precari-  
ous business.Mr. Wright seems to be utterly in-  
different to the hour flight he has to  
make and seems perfectly confident  
of performing an aeromaniacal feat  
which will surpass anything hitherto  
attempted. The speed test, which will  
take him five miles and back, over  
broken country, seems to give him no  
more concern than the apparently  
more difficult task, but he cannot be  
said to be very much troubled about  
either.MINORS MAY CONTINUE  
TO VISIT POOL ROOMSWilliamsburg Council Fails to Adopt  
Ordinance to Keep Youngsters  
Out of Them.WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Aug. 29.—  
The city council held its last busi-  
ness meeting last night, with all mem-  
bers present except E. H. Proctor.  
The finance committee made re-  
port of the annual settlement with  
former Sergeant R. C. Lawson, and  
Treasurer S. S. Hankins.The city's balance in the hands of  
the former was shown to be \$1,094.38,  
and the latter, \$1,253.36.An ordinance creating a sinking  
fund commission to control the funds  
to settle the outstanding \$30,000 bond  
issue was adopted, but an ordinance  
closing poolrooms at certain hours  
and preventing minors from entering  
them could not be adopted under the  
rules, and is "dead" so far as the  
present council is concerned.The council adjourned at 10 o'clock  
to meet Monday evening at 6 o'clock  
to sign the records of last night's  
session.Peyton Ashlock, the negro who was  
recently sentenced to four years in the  
penitentiary, was taken to Rich-  
mond yesterday to begin his term.  
The formal opening of the Wil-  
liamsburg Female Institute will take  
place Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 10 o'clock  
A. M. A suitable program will be  
rendered, consisting of a short open-  
ing service and addresses by promi-  
nent citizens and visitors.C. C. Branch, of Toano, is on a  
visit to Walkerton and Aylett, where  
he will address farmers institutes on  
the subject of potato growing. Mr.  
Branch's talk will be of practical ben-  
efit to the farmers in these sections,  
as he is the largest and most suc-  
cessful grower of Irish potatoes in  
this county.Wants France to Help.  
(By Associated Press).PARIS, Aug. 29.—The Netherlands  
government has asked France  
through the French minister at the  
Hague, whether it would be possible  
for France to co-operate with Hol-  
land in the present difficulty with  
Venezuela. France responded that  
she would consider the question and  
she now has the matter under ad-  
visement.

## NEGROES FOR BRYAN

Bishop of African Methodist Episc.  
Copial Church Discredits Taft.

## CALLS HIM A CONSPIRATOR

Negro Bishop Declares Republican  
Party Has Shown Itself Impotent to  
Act in Interest of Negroes and They  
Naturally Look to Democrats.

(By Associated Press).

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Henry Wat-  
terson, of Kentucky, editor of the  
Louisville Courier-Journal, today  
gave out at the Democratic national  
headquarters an advance copy of an  
address which is to be issued by  
Bishop Alexander Watters, of African  
Methodist Episcopal Church, to the  
colored people of the country. In  
his letter Bishop Watters alludes to  
Judge Taft as "a party to the black-  
est conspiracy ever perpetrated  
against negro soldiers."Bishop Watters accuses President  
Roosevelt and the Republican candi-  
date of having practically endorsed  
the Lily white movement in the  
South which has for its ultimate ob-  
ject the practical elimination of the  
negro from politics, and adds that  
the appointment of the Hon. Luke E.  
Wright, of Tennessee, ex-Confederate  
soldier and Democrat to succeed Mr.  
Taft as secretary of war was a big  
bid for Democratic support.The Republican party," he con-  
tinues, "has shown itself impotent to  
enact further legislation in our in-  
terest. It is evident from its failure  
to have Congress pass a bill to have  
lynchers tried in Federal courts."The Democratic party," he as-  
serts, "is the only party that can  
change the discriminatory legislation  
which has been enacted against us  
without a great political upheaval  
amounting almost to a revolution.  
Wherever we have had sense enough  
to help the Democratic party notably  
in New York City, Democrats have  
always shown a willingness to treat  
us with consideration."After stating that he had been in-  
formed that Dr. Washington had  
abused him for urging colored people  
to vote for Bryan, the bishop declar-  
ed that he merely urged colored peo-  
ple to divide their vote and judge for  
themselves of the questions at issue,  
although he himself would vote for  
Bryan.TRYING TO PROBE  
DEEPER INTO MYSTERYOnly the Death of Charles R. Rob-  
erts of Baltimore Can Solve  
Atlantic City Shooting.

## NO CASE OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Police Have No Further Evidence in  
Sensational Shooting on Boardwalk  
at Atlantic City—Both Families Re-  
main Silent and Nothing New Has  
Developed—Police Busy.

(By Associated Press).

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 29.—  
Still adhering to the belief that  
Charles R. Roberts, who was shot on  
the board walk Wednesday night  
while in a rolling chair with Mrs.  
S. G. Williams, of Baltimore, Mr.  
was not attacked by a highwayman,  
the police of this city are working  
on a theory that the Baltimore so-  
ciety man was the victim of some  
vengeful purpose. The developments  
in the case today include a story  
which the police are investigating  
that two men and a woman from  
Baltimore, who are supposed to have  
been friends of the parties concerned  
were stopping at a large beach front  
hotel under assumed names on the  
night of the shooting.It is also said there was a possi-  
bility that the shooting may never  
be solved unless Roberts were to die.  
While all sorts of new and old the-  
ories and rumors as to the shooting  
are heard, Chief of Police Woodruff  
tonight declared positively that he  
has absolutely no additional infor-  
mation that would throw  
light upon the case. He said that  
up to tonight all he knew concern-  
ing the result of the investigation  
in Baltimore as to the whereabouts  
of Mrs. Williams' husband on the  
night of the shooting was based upon  
a letter which he received early to-  
day and which contained only such  
information as has already appeared  
in print.Members of both the Williams and  
Roberts families remained silent to-  
day, standing on their statements  
already made that Mr. Roberts was  
attacked by a highwayman at a  
lonely point on the board walk.Both Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Rob-  
erts are staying at the Hotel Brighton  
and were surrounded today by  
relatives and close friends.That the true cause of the shoot-  
ing may be determined only in the  
death of Mr. Roberts is believed by  
many. The death of the society man  
the police say, would make Mrs.  
Williams a material witness and  
open the way to a public inquiry  
that would preclude the possibility  
of concealing any important testi-  
mony.Prosecutor Goldenberg, of Atlantic  
county, today went carefully over the  
circumstances of the shooting as pre-  
sented by the men assigned to it  
by Police Chief Woodruff.They waived the possibility of Wil-  
liams having been in Atlantic City  
and after considering all the circum-  
stances so far gathered in the case  
the prosecutor declared that such  
mere tangible evidence than at present  
he would make no attempt to  
arrest anybody.A story which may have some  
bearing upon the case is told by the  
Rev. Henry Fisher, whose family  
occupies a cottage at New Hampshire  
avenue and the board walk within  
two blocks of the scene of the shoot-  
ing. He says that at the time of  
the shooting he was preparing to  
retire for the night when he was at-  
tracted by the shots. He went to  
the window and saw three men run-  
ning down the board walk. They turned  
into New Hampshire avenue and  
hurried toward Atlantic avenue. He  
lost sight of them in the darkness  
and can give no definite description.  
Heroic efforts were made today to  
save the life of Mr. Roberts. Two  
surgeons from Baltimore, after a  
consultation with those from the local  
hospital performed an unusual  
operation on the patient in an effort  
to locate and remove, if possible, the  
bullet that penetrated his side. A  
long incision was made in the ab-  
domen on the right side at the point  
where the ball entered. Through this  
operation the entire abdominal cav-  
ity was explored and it was found  
that the bullet passed through the  
liver and lodged in the muscle of the  
back.It was deemed inadvisable to re-  
move the bullet and after all the ar-  
teries had been ligated the wound  
was packed. It was stated that Mr.  
Roberts passed through the operation  
well and the opinion was expressed  
that if he lived through the effect of  
it he would recover. The danger in  
his case was from blood poisoning  
or hemorrhage.